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EYES ONLY JAMES BISHOP, AF/W

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SUBJ: INSPECTION REPORT ON MALI

REF: BISHOP LETTER TO AMB. DATED JULY 6

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON  
INSPECTION REPORT.

2. THIS TELEGRAM REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO ONE SENTENCE  
IN THE INSPECTION REPORT WHICH I CONSIDER TO BE SERIOUSLY  
IN ERROR. THE SENTENCE IN QUESTION READS QTE FOR EXAMPLE,  
OUR REPRESENTATION TO THE MALI GOVERNMENT ON PUERTO RICO  
AND, ON ONE OCCASION WHEN INSTRUCTED ON KOREA, WERE  
NOT HANDLED BY THE AMBASSADOR BUT BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF  
OF MISSION AND PAO. SEND QTE. AS I KNOW AF IS AWARE,  
THIS STATEMENT IS INCORRECT. TO ASSIST YOU IN COMMENTING  
ON THE INSPECTION REPORT WE SHOULD LIKE TO CITE THE  
FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS:

ON PUERTO RICO, 1975, BAMAKO 3076, 16 AUG.,  
MY DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE;  
BAMAKO 3080, 18 AUG., FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY  
GENERAL; BAMAKO 3112, 19 AUG., CONVERSATION WITH  
SEVERAL TOP-LEVEL MEMBERS OF MILITARY COMMITTEE AND  
FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS; BAMAKO 3306, 29 AUGUST,  
CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE;  
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BAMAKO 3469, 13 SEPTEMBER, CONVERSATION WITH THE

SECRETARY GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE; BAMAKO 3740, 8 OCTOBER,  
CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE; 1976,  
BAMAKO 172, 14 JANUARY, CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR  
OF PRESIDENTIAL CABINET; BAMAKO 592, FEBRUARY 17,  
CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE;  
BAMAKO 954, 17 MARCH, CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT (ALSO  
DISCUSSED KOREA); BAMAKO 1051, 26 MARCH, CONVERSATION  
WITH SECRETARY GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE.

ON KOREA: 1975, BAMAKO 3748, 9 OCTOBER, CONVERSATION  
WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE; BAMAKO 4162,  
7 NOVEMBER, CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MIXUSTER; BAMAKO 4611,  
12 DECEMBER, DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOREIGN  
OFFICE; BAMAKO 4614, 13 DECEMBER, CONVERSATION WITH  
VICE PRESIDENT OF MALI ON KOREA. B-0954 (CITED ABOVE)  
17 MARCH, 1976, CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT ON KOREA.

3. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, THERE HAVE BEEN INNUMERABLE  
OCCASIONS ON WHICH I HAVE DISCUSSED OUR POSITIONS ON  
PUERTO RICO AND KOREA INFORMALLY WITH MALIAN GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS.

4. I AM AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND THE BASIS FOR THE  
INSPECTORS' COMMENT. AT NO TIME DURING THEIR WEEK-LONG  
VISIT TO MALI WAS POINT DISCUSSED WITH ME NOR WAS  
THERE ANY INKLING OF IT IN THE DRAFT INSPECTION REPORT  
LEFT WITH THE EMBASSY UPON THE INSPECTORS' DEPARTURE.

5. AS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MY REPRESENTATIONS, I  
CAN ONLY POINT TO THE RESULTS; A FORMAL APOLOGY FROM  
THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MALIAN  
AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I DO NOT  
FEEL THAT THIS RECORD DEMONSTRATES A RELUCTANCE ON MY  
PART TO CONTACT TOP RANK MALIAN OFFICIALS ON KEY ISSUES  
OF IMPORTANCE IN PROMOTING U.S. INTERESTS.

6. YOU ARE FREE TO USE THIS TELEGRAM IN ANY WAY YOU  
SEE FIT.  
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